

MINUTES
SPECIAL WORKSESSION/ROUNDTABLE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CONFERENCE ROOM 190, YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
December 1, 2009
3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nelson called the City Council meeting to order.

Councilmembers Present: Shoop, Mendoza, Beeson, McClendon (arrived at 3:15 p.m.),
Nicholls, Johnson and Mayor Nelson
Councilmembers Absent: none
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Mark S. Watson
Deputy City Administrator, Bob Stull
Director of Community Development, Laurie Lineberry
Director of Engineering, Paul Brooberg
Finance Director, Pat Wicks
Various Department Heads or their representative
City Clerk, Brigitta M. Kuiper

I. MAJOR ROADWAYS PLAN

5th Street from Magnolia Avenue to 4th Avenue

Lineberry and **Brooberg** presented the following information:

- The roadway is designated as a Collector which has an 80-foot right-of-way; the City currently has 60 feet of right-of-way.
- If the 80-foot right-of-way requirement remained, then 10 feet would be taken from each side.
- 5th Street has been allowed to close per a mutual agreement between the City of Yuma and Yuma Elementary School District #1.
- There is 60-feet of right-of-way that runs from 4th Avenue to Magnolia Avenue with no restricted or widened sections.
- There is a bridge across the East Main Canal that is wide enough to accommodate three lanes however, it works fine.
- Both Carver Park and Carver School draw major traffic.
- Utilizing the 60-foot right-of-way will require an additional corner triangle at 15th Avenue for site distance and handicap ramps.
- A streetlight was installed at Magnolia Avenue for visual enhancement and safety.
- A T-intersection would require the purchase of two additional properties.
- Staff's recommendation: re-designating as a Constrained Collector with a maximum 64-feet of right-of-way.

Discussion:

- The stub out at the west end of Magnolia Avenue is needed because it provides utilities access to properties in the back.
- It would be a good idea to give the new City Council an overall view of the roads in the City of Yuma to see connectivity or lack thereof.
- Staff needs to balance the need for roadways versus the investment.

Lineberry advised the City Council that three resolutions modifying the Major Roadways Plan will be placed on the December 16, 2009 agenda for their consideration.

Watson stated that by identifying these roadways associated with the Major Roadways Plan, the community has saved millions of dollars with respect to the right-of-way and the costs associated with the development.

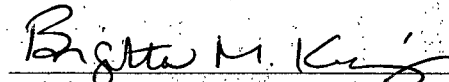
II. UPDATES

Wicks gave a brief financial update:

- Finances continue to be monitored at the State level.
- A 24-hour furlough for all city employees was implemented, with the exception of Public Safety; a managed overtime system is in place for both the Police and Fire Departments.
- There is a projected a \$5 million dollar shortfall for the July 1, 2010 budget.
- The City has seven months before the next budget to continue to reduce expenses, restructure and identify essential elements of the City's mission.
- Retail sales for October 2009 showed a 20% decline compared to October 2007.
- \$7 million cash flow is necessary; an estimated \$4.4 million is needed for the next fiscal year.
 - \$4.4 million translates into 26 furlough days for each employee.
 - The potential of revenue increases could offset the \$4.4 million shortfall.
 - Labor and benefits are 80% of the general fund budget.
- Changes to the budget are imperative.
- Staff has reviewed the budget carefully and no further operational cuts are available.
- Short-term temporary measures will be necessary, until revenues start to rise.
- City is seeking other service-oriented revenues that may exist.
- Buying at reduced/discounted prices equals reduced sales tax to the City.
- The next six months will require discussions on restructuring for efficiency and determining essential services for the City.
- The City was granted a bond rating of A+.
- The operations budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 is similar to Fiscal Year 2004/2005.
- City of Yuma continues to provide services to the City of Somerton and the City of San Luis.

III. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Beeson/Nicholls): To adjourn to Executive Session. Voice vote: **adopted** 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.


Brigitta M. Kuiper, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Alan L. Krieger, Mayor

